Training by Indian instructors to other countries airmen

2554. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of countries in which Indian Instructors are providing training to the airmen of the respective countries; and

(b) on what considerations such services are being provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Indian Instructors are deputed to countries with whom India has bilateral friendly relations, at their request, for training their airmen. It will not be in the public interest to give further details in this regard.

Training to Iraqi airmen by Indian instructors

2555. SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI DEBENDRA NATH BARMAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news item which appeared in the Daily dated the 22nd January, 1987 regarding training by Indian Air Force instructors to Iraqi airmen;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) since when Indian instructors have been given training in Iraq; and

(d) what is the number of more countries where Indian instructors are giving similar training, given country-wise details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Air Force Instructors are carrying out instructional duties in Iraq. They are strictly prohibited from either participating in or planning operational missions for the Iraqi Air Force.

(c) Indian Instructors have been giving training since 1959.

(d) There are other countries where our military instructors are working. It will not be in the public interest, however, to give further details in this regard.

Children programmes on Doordarshan

2556. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average hour of Doordarshan time devoted to children programmes in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to increase this duration; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The total duration of children's programmes (including educational programmes) originating from various Programme Production Kendras is about 74 hours and 30 minutes per week.

(b) and (c) The Working Group set up to prepare the Software Plan for Doordarshan headed by Dr. P. C. Joshi has, *inter alia* recommended that the transmission time in respect of children's programmes needs to be increased and adequate facilities made available for production of such programmes. This recommendation has been accepted by the Government.

Figures of net savings

2557. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the figures of country's net savings issued by R.B.I. in January, 1987;

(b) what are the figures of country's net savings issued by the Central Statistical Organisation in January, 1987; and